

Minutes of April 5, 2006 -Amended 5/3/06

THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CALEXICO MET IN SPECIAL SESSION ON THE 5TH DAY OF APRIL 2006, AT 10:30 A.M. AT CALEXICO CITY HALL, 608 HEBER AVE., CALEXICO, CALIFORNIA. THE DATE, HOUR AND PLACE DULY ESTABLISHED FOR THE HOLDING OF SAID MEETING.

CALL TO ORDER.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Vice-Chairman Jose Lopez and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE

Vice-Chairman	Jose Lopez
Commissioner	Kimberly Collins
Commissioner	Fernando Arango
Commissioner	George Rashid
Commissioner	Gil Acuña

ABSENT

Chairman	Earl Roberts
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STAFF AND VISITORS

Joe Moreno, Calexico Chamber of Commerce
Robert Herrera, Chamber President
Rosalind Guerrero, RED Manager
Ralph Morales, Housing Manager
Tony Wong, City Engineer
Gabriela Garcia, Deputy City Clerk
Roxanne Eady - Guest

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON AGENDIZED ITEMS

Mr. Bob Tumi, Mr. Robert Alcaarez and Mr. Hector Alcaraz, Apple Core (Applebee's), requested to speak regarding a possible turn off from Highway 111 onto Scaroni to provide access to the area where Applebee's restaurant is located. Mrs. Rosalind Guerrero recommended that this item be placed on the next agenda in order to get other departments involved in the matter.

PRESENTATION

Tony Wong, City Engineer gave a presentation regarding the Jasper Road Corridor. He presented the options for the project. Mr. Wong stated the City is currently working with the developers on this project. The City is also working with Caltrans on this project because even though they have no jurisdiction on Jasper Road we want their criteria for the future since Jasper is the last corridor to which we can relocate Highway 98. Mr. Wong explained the corridor would be a green belt with grass bi-ways, pedestrian walk pass, rest area, and drainage. He further explained that in 2000 a retention basin was established along the central main canal from Bowker to Cole Road parallel to the Central Main Canal. In the future, City CFD's will be established to maintain the central main canal retention basin.

Commissioner Collins requested a timeline on the residential development for this area and additional information on the General Plan Update. Commissioner Collins further stated the need to change the mentality that we need residential. The City needs to bring more commercial and jobs to Calexico.

Commissioner Arango asked for the criteria for developers regarding quality of life. Mrs. Guerrero explained that the General Plan and Service Area Plan are currently being updated and it addresses quality of life through the cultural arts.

Roxanne Didham suggested moving commercial from Heber Road closer to the East Port of Entry.

Mr. Tim Kelly, IVEDC, stated the need to look at a 5-20-50 year plan for commercial and industrial revenues. Mr. Kelly requested a timeline on General Plan Update.

Mr. Joe Moreno stated the need to have a balanced effort to bring in more residential and economic development for a tax base.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Commissioner Collins and seconded by Commissioner Rashid to approve consent agenda as presented. Vote to wit:

Ayes:	K. Collins, J. Lopez, Gil Acuña, F. Arango G. Rashid
Noes:	None
Absent:	E. Roberts

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Rashid requested a correction to the minutes of the March 1, 2006 meeting to reflect he was present. Correction was noted. A motion was made by Commissioner Acuña and seconded by Commissioner Collins to approve the agenda as presented. Vote to wit:

Ayes:	J. Lopez, K. Collins, F. Arango, G. Acuña, G. Rashid
Noes:	None
Absent:	E. Roberts

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Mrs. Rosalind Guerrero explained the enclosed item was an information guide to developers and business on the development process for the City.

Commissioner Collins suggested a beautification award for good projects. Idea was supported by Mr. Tim Kelly. Vice-Chairman Lopez requested that staff research this idea.

Commission acknowledged receipt of Informational Items as follows: Attendance and City Manager's weekly report.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Jose Lopez, Vice-Chairman